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9a.m. to 4p.m.

26/8/40.

5 Tsung Bing Faung, Hart Rd.  
94 Jossfield Road and  
Detective Office.

Outside of House No.5, Lane 254 Hart Road.

8.50a.m. 26/8/40.

9a.m. 26/8/40.

Hong Fai Sui (洪丕然), clerk, above address.

Four men (one arrested):

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- (1) Tsau Lai Sung (周素生), 38, Hanching, a tailor.
  - (2) O.O.L. ( ), age about 25, native of Hong Kong, long dark face, height about 5'8", slim build, wearing grey foreign style suit.
  - (3) Age about 30, height about 5'8", slim build, long dark face, wearing black jacket and pants, armed with a black pistol. (not arrested).
  - (4) Age about 28, height about 5'8", oblong face, sallow complexion, long hair brushed back, medium build, wearing short jacket and pants. (not arrested).

One by R.U. Search Party.

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The complainant's sister was standing in the lane outside of the above address, carrying in her arms the complainant's 11 months' old child when the 2nd and 4th described subjects, approached her, threatened with a pistol and snatched the child, running North along Hart Road.

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Inquiries by D.S.I. Chu Chi Huang, C.D.S. 187, C.D.C. 328 and the undersigned.

The complainant is employed as a clerk at the Shanghai Stock Exchange and resides at house No. 5, Lane 254 Hart Road.

At about 8.50a.m. 26/8/40 the complainant's sister Hong Lien Chun ( ) was standing in the lane outside of the above address, holding in her arms the complainant's 11 months old son Hong Kwei Sung ( ). Suddenly the 3rd. and 4th. described men, approached the said female, the 3rd. described man produced a pistol and pointed it at the female, ordering her to keep quiet. The 4th. man then snatched the child from the female's arms and they both ran out of the lane turning North into Hart Road. The female raised an alarm whereupon the complainant together with his servants ran out and on learning of the kidnapping gave chase shouting for help. At that time a Reserve Unit Search Party consisting of W.U.C. 11 Volok and C.P.C's 2880, 2840 and 2808 was operating at the corner of Hart and Avenue Roads.

The culprits heard the pursuit and on seeing the Police Party in the direction of their escape became alarmed and pushed the child into the arms of an unknown pedestrian, after which they separated and mingled with the crowd.

However, the W.U. Search Party, observed the accused (1st. described) running away from the scene and arrested him.

The complainant was informed of the child's

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fate, found the pedestrian and before arrival of the Police took the child back home.

The accused in the meantime was brought to the station by the R.U. Search Party which was accompanied by the complainant's sister Hong Lien Chuan.

The accused questioned by detectives admitted the offence but made contradictory statements. However, the following story, could be derived from his statements: the offence was instigated by one Tung Yih Ching ( ) (Ind. described) who, according to the accused occupies a prominent post in a Japanese sponsored political organisation situated at No. 62 Keng Ka Joo. The accused referred to this organisation as "Tai Poo" ( 隊部 ), but this address is not known to the detectives of this station. Tung Yih Ching, for whom the accused has been making clothing in the past, four days ago called the accused to the Sui Tai Sing ( ) lodging house, 51 Keng Ka Joo, off Connaught Road where in the room No. 11, the accused was offered to participate in a kidnapping for ransom of a child. The accused claimed that he agreed to take custody of the child after the kidnapping and keep him in the said lodging house. For the last four days they daily met in the same lodging house discussing details and Tung Yih Ching invited the Sgt.

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and 4th. described men, who the accused claimed were not known to him. At 6a.m. 26/8/40 they met at the lodging house, and Tung Yih Ching brought a pistol, which he gave to the 3rd. described man. At 6.30a.m. even date they proceeded on foot to the vicinity of the complainant's house, the accused received from Tung Yih Ching the sum of \$50.00 to cover expenses for the keeping of the child. (\$54.00 was found in possession of the accused at the time of his arrest). The accused was to wait on the road, receive the child after the kidnapping and transport him in a ricksha to the lodging house.

Tung Yih Ching watched the lane and at about 8.50a.m. pointed the child to the 3rd. and 4th. described men, who then entered the lane and carried out the offence.

Before he received the child, the accused heard the alarm, which frightened him, therefore he ran North along Hart Road, turning West into Avenue Road, where he was arrested by the N.U. Search Party.

The Japanese Consulars, 94 Jussfield Road were requested to assist in raiding the said lodging house, which they agreed to do themselves without being accompanied by any members of the S.M.P.

The raid was carried out by the Consulars